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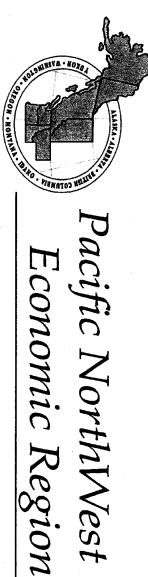
Pacific NW Regional Bi-National Energy Planning Initiative

- was needed. In particular these areas were of concern; provided clear guidance that Bi-national energy planning Over 400 stakeholders met in Calgary in 2003 and
- Stove pipe planning across fuel types with differing data
- gas, petroleum, electricity Data sharing on resource availability – supply / demand of
- Analysis of the feasibility of moving megawatts vs. BTU's
- Least cost corridor planning
- Unified permitting across jurisdictions



2005-2006 Mapping Region's Massive Infrastructure Build out

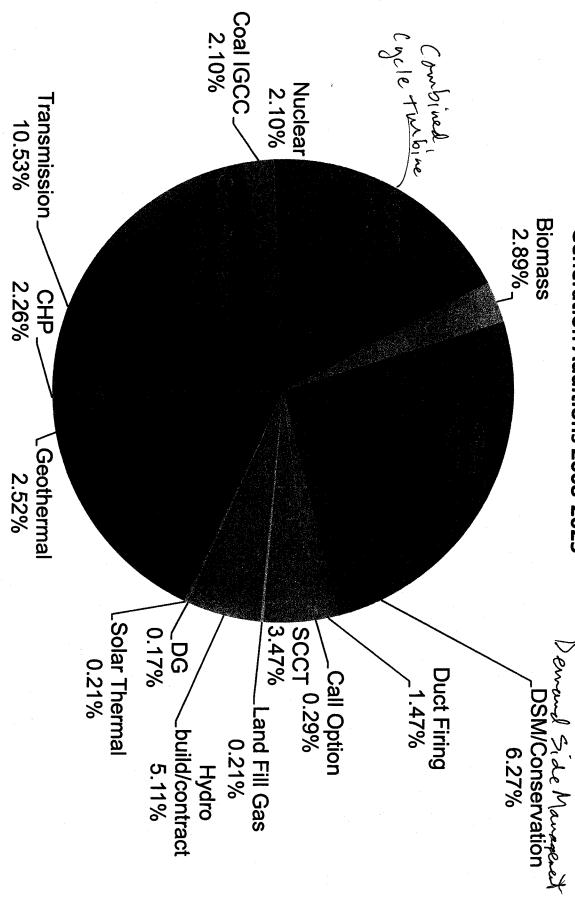
- PNWER to MAP regions massive energy Infrastructure build A loaned executive from TransCanada Corporation works with
- are just projects of \$100 million or more in value Over \$55 Billion in new projects in region in process. These
- to complete projects announced Audit of projects identifies crucial shortages of skilled workers

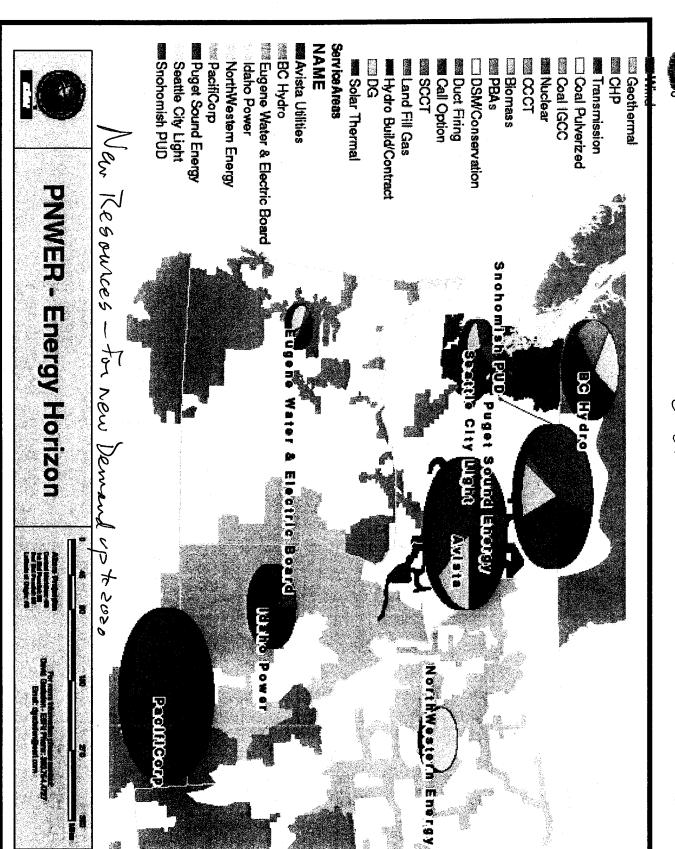


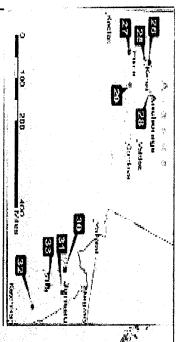
2006-2007 Regional IRP Roll Up - First Issues on Horizon identified

- numerous resources in region. Critical transmission projects are identified that unlock
- and Wave Tidal Developers to get hard numbers for delivered power to planners one in an existing IRP. ACTION-Bring together IRP planners Numerous wave and tidal projects in process in region but not
- 2009-2012 in region Concern over amount of Power Bridging Contracts between

PNWER's Energy Horizon IRP Roll-up 7/1/2007 Generation Additions 2008-2025



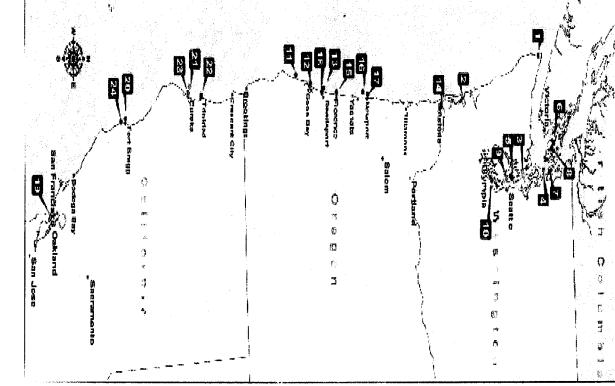




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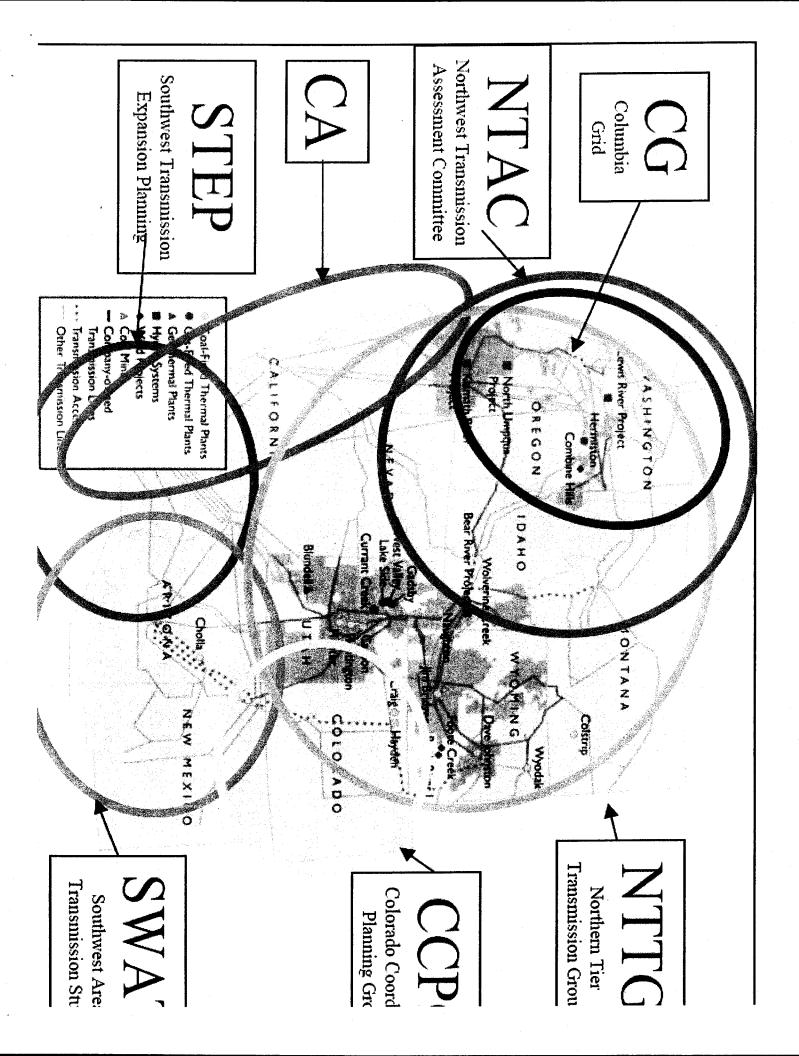
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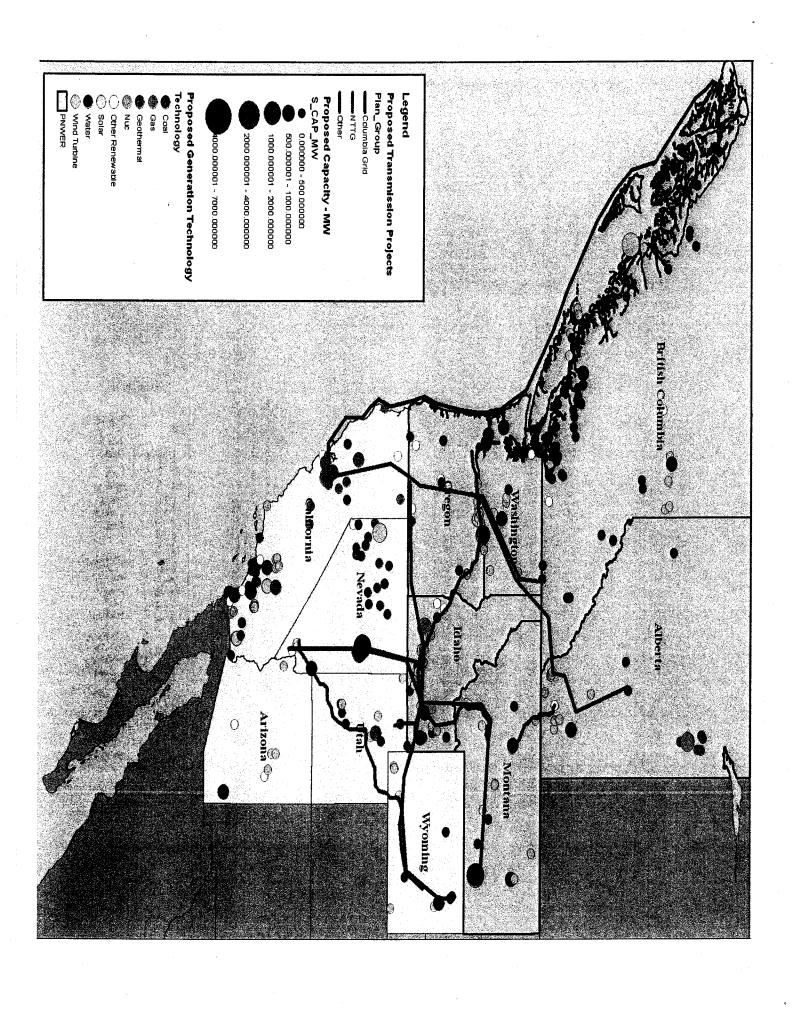
- planners ACTION-Brought together IRP planners and Wave /Tidal Developers to get hard numbers for delivered power to utility
- ACTION -Idaho National Laboratory completed study on the cost of not building transmission for policy makers. (Handout)
- work force mobility for trades workers and regional reciprocity ACTION - PNWER work groups focus regional discussion on for certification of engineers



Cost of Not Building Transmission Findings

- not built (i.e., BC to NorCal) transmission line project with the greatest economic impact is 450,000 jobs over 30 years if just the one infrastructure economic loss of \$15B to \$25B annually and 300,000 to The model indicates that the PNWER region has a potential
- economic impact are not built (i.e., Alberta to PacNW 30 years if the five transmission line projects of greatest Project, BC to NorCal, Gateway West, Southern Xing & I-5 Corridor Projects, and Mountain States Intertie). Upwards of \$55B to \$85B annually and 1,750,000 jobs over







2007-2008 Region's Energy Chairs/Private Sector define next phase of work.

- renewable.) generation (i.e. base load, peaking load and firming Assess the best use of natural gas infrastructure for electricity
- Energy Committee members across the region Establish an annual Regional Energy Institute for legislative
- power. between integrated resource planning and actual proposals for Continue graphic portrait of actual versus theoretical results
- questions with the interactive graphical interface Examine ability for stakeholders to measure "what if"



Current status of Work

- exactly the course content we are looking for this certificate years. The University of Idaho (U of I) has an internationally partnership has been arranged with NCSL to start this as commitment to sponsor this project @\$60,000 usd. A program. (see hand out for more detail) recognized certificate program for utility executives that is PNWER region effort and take it National via NCSL in future Energy Horizon Institute - USDOE has made a verbal
- use of natural gas infrastructure for electricity generation" with load and firming renewable) PNWER's Energy Horizon project. (i.e. base load, peaking Utilities Conference Committee are pursing the study of "Best The Northwest Gas Association and the Pacific Northwest



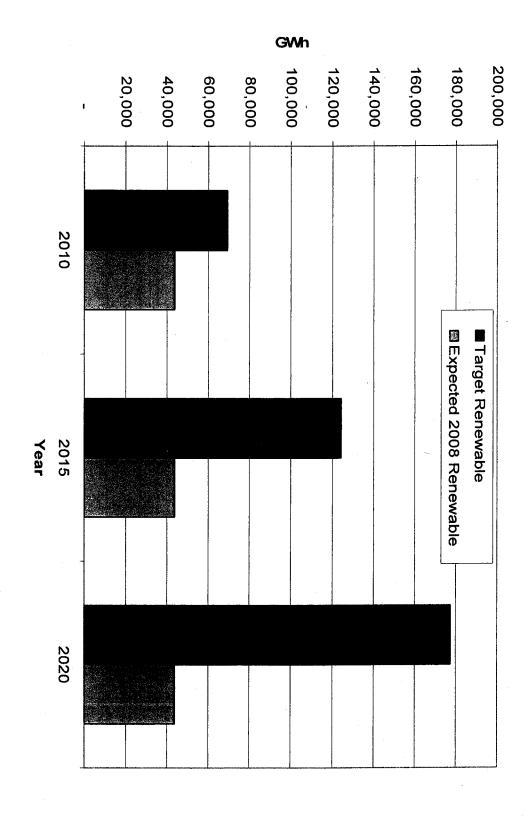
Emerging Regional Issues

- RPS and Climate Change Mandates Risk of market spikes caused by uncoordinated mandates, i.e.
- Fransmission critical for immediate mandates
- _ack of knowledge of policy makers of infrastructure.
- Boutique standards for RPS mandates.
- Pancaking of climate change taxes.
- technologies Lack of coordinated State or Regional Strategy on new energy
- Regional standards for interconnection lacking.
- Credit situation not forecasted in projections
- makers Lack of "what if?" policy planning tool for regions policy

WECC RPS Mandates

State	2010	2015	2020
BC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alberta	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington	0	3%	15%
Montana	10%	15%	15%
Oregon	0	15%	20%
Idaho	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0
California	20%	26%	33%
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Nevada	12%	20%	20%
Utah	0	0	0
Colorado	5%	15%	20%
Arizona	2.50%	5%	10%
New Mexico	0	15%	15%

Renewables....WECC wide: Goals vs. Current



Carbon Cost

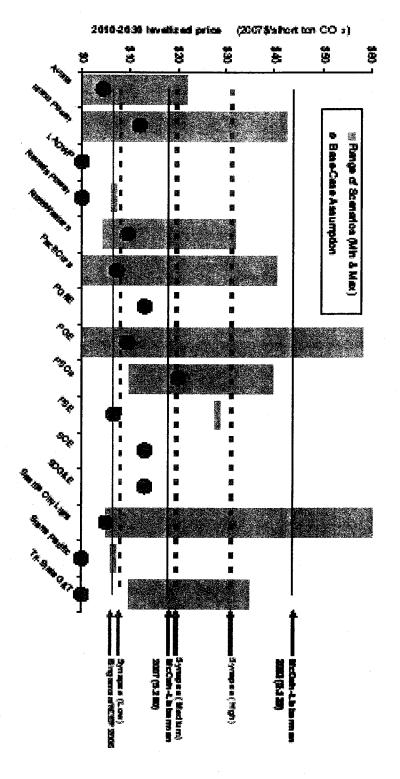


Figure ES - 1. Levelized CO₂ Emission Prices Used in Utility Resource Plans (2010-2030)

Notes: See Table A-3 in the appendix for notes on conventions and assumptions used to construct the figure.



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Energy Horizon Inititiave

PNWER's Energy Horizon Project is in its 5th year, and has been guided by the Legislative Energy Chairmen of the states of AK, WA, ID, MT, and Oregon; and the Energy Ministers of BC, Alberta, and the Yukon. The project is unique in that it uses individual Integrated resource plans from energy providers in a bottom up as opposed to government top down approach to see into our energy future and that it is also the first regional approach that follows traditional routes of trade and infrastructure as opposed to arbitrary geographic and political splits across the entire bi-national region.

The Energy Horizon Project also includes private sector sponsors that own the majority of the energy infrastructure that offer insight with northwest policy makers to define critical regional issues. The project work shows its value in their participation in the effort.

This year the project analysis showed that there will be over 2000 MW of power scheduled to be purchased on 'power bridging agreements' or short term power contracts between 2010 and 2013; and a tremendous amount of access to renewable resources is dependent on new transmission coming online between 2010 and 2013. The two of these taken together are important issues for policymakers, and could impact energy prices throughout the region.

Our analysis also identified over 32 wave and tidal projects under some form of permitting in the region yet not one wave or tidal project was identified in an IRP in the entire region out past 2025.

With US Department of Energy funding in 2007-2008 a study was commissioned to identify "The Cost of Not Building Transmission" in the Pacific Northwest. This study can viewed at this link http://www.pnwersenergyhorizon.com/files/PNWERReport_Rev2c_Final_16Jul08_ntwtm3.pdf. For the first time energy policy makers in the Pacific Northwest can identify the most crucial 15 transmission projects, track their progress, and know the economic cost if the project are not completed.

The Study also opened many other questions. The Idaho National Lab (INL) which did the study included a list of recommended follow up studies. Over 180 policy makers and infrastructure owners attended the briefing on this study and followed the Energy Horizon sessions at our annual Summit this past summer.

In consultation with the region's energy Chair or designees and our private sector partners, we have identified several areas of important work tasks or project for 2009.

In 2009 PNWER's Energy Horizon Initiative will launch the first "Legislative Energy Horizon Institute" which will select 35 key state and provincial legislators in the region and provide a curriculum designed for emerging legislative energy leaders in energy policy. PNWER is working with the US DOE, the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), and the University of Idaho to create an Energy Policy curriculum and certification program.

The Energy Ministers and Legislative Energy Chair task force in 2009 will be asked to help select 3 or 4 legislators from each state and province to be part of the first PNWER Energy Institute.

PNWER Legislative Energy Horizon Institute

This certificate program is designed for state legislators who need intensive exposure as to how North American energy infrastructure delivers energy to consumers. A large disconnect often exists between those that make state energy policy and a comprehensive understanding of how our infrastructure actually operates. High turnover in citizen state legislative bodies has decreased the institutional knowledge of complex energy issues in our state and provincial legislatures. Issues such as awareness of the protocols that electricity, natural gas, and petroleum infrastructures utilize, and, knowledge on timelines needed to construct new infrastructure within current regulations are just some of the areas that legislators must understand to make responsible and informed policy decisions. The increasingly complex interdependencies of our energy infrastructures in delivering energy to consumers is also important for policymakers to fully understand.

Creation of the PNWER Legislative Energy Institute will result in a corps of legislators who will have knowledge of how the energy system works throughout the region. Caucuses and legislatures will have the insight of these individuals bringing an increased understanding of how the complex energy system works as well as some knowledge of infrastructure and costs and timelines. In addition, by working together across jurisdictional boundaries to understand our energy system in the Pacific Northwest, policymakers will be able to forge relationships that are necessary in addressing multi-state energy infrastructure and policy issues.

Thirty five legislators who are committed to energy policy in their legislative service will be selected every two years for the eighteen month certificate program in energy policy planning awarded from PNWER's Energy Institute and the University of Idaho. The certificate program will be executed through three intensives, one 4 day intensive during the summer, a 2 ½ day program during NCSL's legislative forum in the fall, and a final 2 ½ day session which will include meetings with Federal regulators during NCSL's spring Washington, DC meeting. The program will also include monthly webinars and background curriculum materials.

PNWER in partnership with NCSL and with support from the US Department of Energy has teamed up with the University of Idaho Utility Executive Course (UEC) which engages the utility industry's best leaders from diverse business backgrounds in a dynamic interchange of knowledge, insight, and expertise. UEC has earned a worldwide reputation as the premier industry-driven executive education program designed specifically for utility leaders.

The 2009 Legislative Sessions will be the first time this program has been offered.